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Sir: Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor: M. ASANO et al (see attached)

For:
STORAGE OPERATIONAL SYSTEM AND METHOD OF
PROVIDING THE STORAGE RENTAL SERVICE

Enclosed are:



11 Sheets of Drawings



This application is being filed without an executed Declaration.



Priority is claimed from Japanese Application No. 2002-002036

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Copies of the disclosure documents listed on the attached PTO 1449 form and
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Specification: Abstract ☒ , Description 40 pages; and 9 claim(s).



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